neau Beside Milady.

Criticism at a Picture Exhibition, Room Hung With Black Paper.

Dear Elsa-What on earth will wom-It seems to me, though, that the limit has been reached when a live parrot it now looks as if an auto aviary were hovers perilously near vulgarity. the ambition of the up to date woman latest decree is that a big green parrot ly termed his brain, working. Why shall roam at his own sweet will about should not artists design gowns for the tonneau, and a handsome car was their beautiful sitters to wear-nothactually som on Broadway the only occupants of which were a stunningly looking or mad looking, nothing of a Small traveling menageries may be looked for in the future. This parrot fad reminds me of a good story. Academy of Design? It may be that A friend of Dick's re ently brought to- artists are too much engrossed in capup to the last course Wright had said nothing about his wonderful invention. finitely more importance. So it is in The host, losing patience with such unprofitable modesty and getting desperate, whispered to the guest of honor: "Say, Wright, get busy and talk about your aeroplanes. These people came here to form a company if you can interest them sufficiently in your drawled, "Don't you know that the



A MANNISH WATCH FOB.

parrot is the greatest talker and the poorest flier of the whole bird creation?" Lovely, wasn't it? The academy exhibition this season

was a very interesting one, and I wish you could have enjoyed the pictures with me. You know that dressmakers are now making it a part of their business to see all the good portraits, both antique and modern, with the object of gaining inspiration for their designs. I was very much amused at papered in black. Funeral? Not a the criticism overheard from one of these technical experts in dress. "Smudges," "blurred masses" and "indistinctness" were the three terrible accusations brought against the gown and the dull black cartridge paper on Better Subscribe To-day

artist. And deep down in my heart I voted them deserved, but I didn't expose my views, for I was making the rounds with one of the "hung" men. Big Green Parrot Rides In Ton- a well known exhibitor. Another objection raised by the couturier critic and one with which all people possessed of a sense of humor will be in full accord is the absurd practice of wind-STORY OF AIRSHIP INVENTOR. ing wisps of chiffon or tags of tulle around the arm of fair subjects. Was it not Michelangelo who said that beauty consisted in the purgation of What Will Happen When Famous superfluities? And this is true no less Artists Become Dress Designers. of dress than of face and form. A piece of crushed looking chiffon or a ragged feather boa thrown carelessly en do next in the name of fashion? over the arm is a superfluity in every sense of the word. The same critic took exception to the scarcity of trimis considered a smart automobile ac- ming on the painted frocks. The very cessory. During the winter limousines name "trimming" is suggestive of suhave been turned into traveling con- perfluities, of publicans, of sinners. servatories by means of bright bunches It distracts the eye, it detracts from of flowers held in cut glass vases, but the individuality of the wearer, and it

However, this carping critic set my who drives in a motor car. La Mode's "think tank," as some one expressiveing archaic or crushed, nothing sad gowned woman and a great green par. blankety or nightgown description? In other words, why shouldn't the fashgether at a diamer Wilhur Wright and turing the personalities of their sitters some capitalists interested in airships, to bother about their frocks. They The feast progressed in fine style, but may think that the portrayal of "grandeur and moral quality" is of ina sense, but there is no getting away from the fact that clothes have a certain relation to character. I, for in impart. They vitalize every organ and stance, revel in tailor mades, which build up brain and body. J A. Harmon, probably accounts for my business Lizemore, W. Va., writes: "They are acumen (?). A celebrated French novelist once wrote; "I have theories about venture. Out with it, man!" Wright little things-about gloves, about boots, looked calmly at his termenter and about curls, and so forth-and I attach a great deal of importance to all this. I have discovered that there is a relation between the temperament of a school of philosophers founded by Anwoman and the whim or logic which tisthenes, a pupil of Socrates. The makes her select such and such a main tenet of the extreme cynics was

produce their ideas on canvas, fashion. lence. On account of their contempt synonym for grace, distinction and takes a mean view of human life .beauty. After this tirade I feel like New York American. a full fledged art lecturer. But, seriously, has not Charles Dana Gibson's influence been for good in the sartorial world? And what would we do in summer w'thout a Gibson waist to

play tennis in? I must tell you about my very sporty stores. new watch fob that I am going to use when traveling. I am so tired of time piece bracelets and belt fobs. The new trinket is a mannish looking affair of leather-a strap, in fact-exactly like that worn by the men suspended from the coat lapel that gives the watch enough leeway to drop comfortably into an upper coat pocket. When this fob adorns my blue serge traveling coat it will give an air of smartness to the costume. I hesitated between purchasing this style rather than a leather fob which hangs from the belt in the usual fashion, but at the end has a round opening in which is incased the tiny watch, so that, while the face shows, the watch cannot drop out. The clerk explained that this fob had been especially designed for the business woman and as a real comfort "it

couldn't be beaten." I presume you will be horrified to know that I am having the living room bit. Listen to the scheme, and you will gain some faint idea of the dainty and cameo-like finished effect. The woodwork I have had painted white,

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of a lady painted by an impressionist | the wall is divided into four root panels, with slender strips of white molding all around the room. Oval mirrors in white frames alternate with pic tures in white frames. Orange and red cushions will be piled on the day enport, and, by the way, I've had all the upholstered furniture done in this old fashioned material. Several pieces of red and orange pottery are to be scattered about the room to give character to the dignified and otherwise cold background.

Picuic luncheons-really restaurant parties, at which each guest orders and pays for herself-are the craze of the moment. . Mother thinks the idea bar barous, and one can readily understand that with her old time ideas of hospitality the notion would be repugnant to ask a person to take a meal with you and expect her to pay her share of the bill. However, in these independent times the old courteous methods are brushed aside, and nobody seems to think there is anything odd about assembling a luncheon party at which each guest orders what she likes and pays for it. No two persons in our party were eating the same with a view to perfecting the work. things. One woman who was on a diet ate digestive biscults and drank a glass | St. Louis and the equipment used in of milk, another nuts and bananas, a third roast lamb and peas, and so on. Truly, this is a mad social world, but I am glad to live in these exciting days. Ever most sincerely yours,

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present of a toy shovel and sent him out in the sand lot to play with his baby brother. "Take care of baby now, Tommy, and don't let anything hurt him," was mamma's parting injunction. Presently screams of anguish from baby sent the distracted parent flying to the sand lot. "For goodness' sake, Tommy, what has happened to the baby?" said she, trying to soothe the wailing infant.

"There was a naughty fly biting him on top of his head, and I killed it with the shovel," was the proud reply .- Lip-

Because.

She-I tell you the moral superiority of woman is recognized in the language itself. There isn't any feminine for "rascals," is there? He-Of course not, but that's be-

She-That's because there are no

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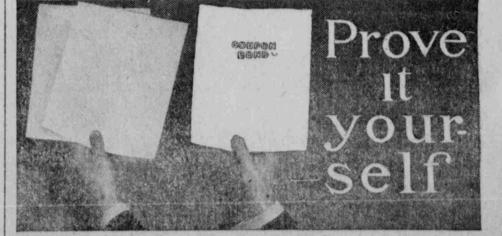
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